

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: SHIELDED POLE WRITER  
UNDER READER  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated February 20, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: